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SUBJECT: CONTINUED PRESS COVERAGE OF US EXPORT CONTROL
ACTIONS

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1. SOVIET PRESS CONTINUES TO PLAY UP U.S. DENIAL OF SPERRY-RAND COMPUTER TO TASS AND PLACING OF OIL DRILLING TECHNOLOGY UNDER THE EXPORT CONTROL ACT. TASS REPORT "IMPRUDENT STEP" CARRIED IN PRAVDA JULY 24 (ASSUME FBIS CARRIED FULL TEXT) CITES STATEMENTS OF DRESSER INDUSTRIES PRESIDENT JONES AND VICE PRESIDENT MURPHY TO EFFECT THAT MOST DRILLING TECHNOLOGY BEING OFFERED TO USSR IS AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES, PARTICULARLY FRG AND JAPAN. ARTICLE ALSO PICKS UP REMARKS BY DIRECTOR CALDWELL OF U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CENTER ON HISTORICAL "FUTILITY AND INEFFECTIVENESS" OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST THE USSR. IN THIS VEIN, PRAVDA ARTICLE JULY 25, SUMMARIZING THE SECRETARY'S INTERVIEW JULY 23 ON "ISSUES AND ANSWERS," QUOTES VERBATIM HIS STATEMENT THAT "SANCTIONS IN THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL FIELD HAVE LIMITED EFFECTIVENESS AND...ONE MUST CHOOSE THE CASES WHERE ONE APPLIES SUCH SANCTIONS VERY, VERY CAREFULLY AND IN A MEASURED WAY."

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2. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH CONTINUING TO USE TIME-HONORED METHOD OF ATTACKING US TRADE DISCRIMINATION THROUGH STATEMENTS OF BUSINESSMEN AND OTHER "PROGRESSIVE" GROUPS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CITATION OF DRESSER OFFICIALS' REMARKS REPRESENTS FIRST INSTANCE IN COVERAGE OF THIS DECISION THAT SOVIETS HAVE HINTED, EVEN IF BY PROXY, THAT ORDERS FOR OIL DRILLING TECHNOLOGY MAY BE SHIFTED TO US COMPETITORS. TOON

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